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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT CLEARANCE FOR CAMBODIA LEAHY VETTING REQUEST -
ILEA BANGKOK "SPECIAL INVESTIGATION GROUP WORKSHOP ON PANGOLINS AND
BIG CATS"

REF: PHNOM PENH 920

¶1. (SBU) The Department of State reviewed its files and finds that, to date, it possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights for the individual identified below. This individual is a candidate for participation in the USAID/ILEA Bangkok Special Investigations Group (SIG) Workshop on Pangolin and Big Cats Training scheduled for January 7-9, 2009 in Bangkok, Thailand. The objective of this workshop is to gain knowledge and exchange information on each country's pangolin and big cat illegal trade and criminal networks. Note: This cable reflects a change in the dates of the workshop from November 26-28, 2008 on the initial incoming clearance request cable. End Note.

¶2. (U) Candidate:

NAME: Kouch, Haksrorn (Male)
DOB: 8/24/1956
POB: Phnom Penh, Kandal Province
POSITION: Deputy of Technical and Material Office; Chief of Gendarmerie for Wildlife Rescue Team
DEPT/UNIT: Royal Gendarmerie of Cambodia

¶3. (U) Post may provide the following statement to authorized parties: Embassy verifies that the Department of State possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the individuals identified in paragraph 2 above, as of this date. Post may cite this cable in response.

¶4. (U) If, in the future, post becomes aware of possible human rights violations by the individuals listed above, Post should inform the Department and not proceed with training.

¶5. (U) POC for this action is Jameson DeBose:

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